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## LARGE MINERAL AREAS ARE NOW OPEN TO AGRICULTURAL WORK

Operations of New Law Enlarges Homestead Entry in Many Regions

(By Latest Mail)

**BUTTE, Mont.**—Large areas of public lands heretofore withheld from agricultural entry because of the possible presence of mineral deposits are now open to agricultural settlement under a law which went into effect July 17, 1914, says an article in the Miner. Entry under the new act involves the retention by the government of title to certain specified minerals believed to underlie the lands. This sort of agricultural entry of coal land has been allowed since June 22, 1910, and of oil land in Utah since August 24, 1912.

The present law extends this right of nonmineral entry to all public lands withdrawn, classified or valuable for phosphate, nitrate, potash, oil, gas or asphaltic minerals. Any form of nonmineral filling may be made—homestead, desert land, timber and stone, state selection or any other—the government reserving the mineral deposits for which the lands are believed to be valuable and the right to prospect for and mine them.

If, for example, a man should make entry in one of the great phosphate fields of Florida, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, or Montana his patent would give him the right to the surface and to all minerals which might thereafter be found except phosphate. Or if his homestead should be in one of the oil fields of California, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado or Louisiana, he would receive patent to everything but oil and gas.

Before the government or its assignee comes on his land to prospect for phosphate or for oil, the entryman is secured against any damages which he may sustain in the course of the prospecting or mining.

Inasmuch as large withdrawals of mineral lands have been made in the arid and semiarid western states, where entries may be made under the enlarged homestead acts, the recent law will considerably extend the area open to dry farming homesteads.

Many applications for the designation of lands as subject to enlarged

homestead entry have in the past been refused because the lands were withdrawn, but these applications may now be granted, and those whose applications have been refused on this ground should resubmit them to the director of the geological survey.

No definite form of petition is required, and there is no necessity for employing the services of an attorney to draw up petitions. The director proposes, however, that the following rules be observed:

Each application should be limited, as far as possible to the specific tract desired for entry and should contain the applicant's postoffice address and a description by section, township and range, of the applicant's original homestead entry and the date of this entry, as well as a description, also by legal subdivisions, of the land desired for additional entry.

Information as to the possibility of irrigating the land should also be furnished and should include the distance and direction of the nearest stream or existing or proposed irrigation canal, the elevation of the lowest point of the land above such source of water supply, the depth at which water can be reached by wells sunk on the land, and all available information concerning attempts to obtain water by this method.

The general character of the land, both of the homesteader's original entry (if he has made one) and of the land desired for additional entry, should also be described, to aid the geological survey in reaching a decision as to its non-irrigability. It should be noted that at present only entrymen who have made final proof are entitled to make additional entry.

This information should be embodied in a letter sent to the director, United States geological survey, Washington, D. C. A formal petition drawn by a notary will not result in any earlier consideration of the matter than will be given if the applicant writes personally. Action will be taken on each request as promptly as is consistent with a proper regard to other requests that are pending, and the applicant will be immediately notified when a final decision has been reached.

## RUSSIA MAKES GREAT STRIDES IN TEN YEARS

(Associated Press)

**PETROGRAD, Russia.**—"What I saw at the headquarters of the Russian commander-in-chief, the Grand Duke Nicholas, would convince a blind man that Russia has made great strides in ten years," writes a correspondent of the Russkoe Slovo. "At headquarters there is not a single individual who is not absolutely necessary for the work to be done. The silence of a monastery reigns there, and you can distinctly hear the pulse-beats of the army. Work begins in the early morning, frequently before day-break."

"I dined with the grand duke. It was a truly Spartan table. There was no intoxicating drink—only water—at his quick, quiet meal. Everybody wore the sort of expression which indicates that there is not a minute to be lost, that all the time must be utilized to the full. In spite of this, the atmosphere was democratic, there was no air of official importance about anyone."

"It is clear that in our army there have been revived the resourcefulness of Peter the Great, the iron will of Souvaroff and the dash of Skobelev."

Authority the suppression of an article or information is demanded." Finally, with regard to political matters, Mr. Malvy has given "instructions to the prefects to deal only with those articles which attack members of the government to the point of discrediting them with the public and of depriving them of the authority necessary for the fulfillment of their functions." The ordinary right to information, control and criticism remains intact.

It now remains to see how this new order will be carried out. The press goes so far as to ask that they shall not be deprived of any news which is calculated to give poise and confidence to public opinion. Nothing, they say, can, for instance, be lost by giving, at the time of their occurring, any information of such incidents as will justify bring credit upon the French army."

William G. Nickerson, head of the banking firm of William G. Nickerson & Co., of Boston, died in Dedham, Mass. He was 86 years old.

William Morgan, aged 23, died in a cover at the Brighton Beach race track, railway employee of Atlanta, found a pistol duel in the streets over received when his racing car turned. William Lindsey and John Williams, war. Both were killed.

## OHIO BOARD SAYS ROCKEFELLER TAX MUST BE PAID UP

(By Latest Mail)

**CLEVELAND, Ohio.**—John D. Rockefeller's only recourse of relief from the Cuyahoga county tax assessment of \$1,200,000 upon an involuntary personal tax return of \$317,653,337, now lies in the federal courts. The board of tax complaints has dismissed Mr. Rockefeller's complaint asking an abatement on \$31,000,000 worth of stocks and bonds and upheld the action of County Tax Commissioners Fackler and Agnew in placing them upon the duplicates.

Attorneys for Mr. Rockefeller intimate that a federal injunction, restraining collection of the tax assessment, may be sought. The board reduced the valuation of Mr. Rockefeller's picture, "Disputed Boundary," to \$50,000. It was valued by the tax officials at \$75,000. The board also abated the assessment of \$100,000 worth of credits, but refused to abate the \$8000 valuation on two automobiles.

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Fire destroyed the plant of J. S. Gray Milling Co. and several other buildings at Springfield, N. Y., causing a loss of \$150,000.

## CENSORSHIP OF FRENCH PRESS IS CRITICIZED

(By Latest Mail)

**PARIS, France.**—Various complaints have been heard in France as to the rigorous censorship established over the press of the country. So rigorous indeed has this been that it has rendered the press barren almost to mediocrity. The treatment of the censor which, at the beginning of the war was submitted to almost without a murmur, as a temporary measure, at the end of three months remains almost as rigid as it was at the commencement.

Although it would not perhaps be wise to discuss at present in too great detail some of the complaints that have leveled against the censorship, there are one or two instances that give some idea of the extent to which this office fulfills its functions.

Why the London Times should in the early days of the war be prevented from finding its way into France of all countries, through the action of the French censor, is a question nobody has as yet been able to answer. Another severe press restriction is that imposed upon M. Clemenceau, whose patriotism no one questions. His eminence as an experienced statesman is also unquestioned, and yet for drawing public attention to incompetent administration of the ambulance arrangements, his newspaper was suspended.

Few Newspapers Escape. During the last three months there has hardly been a single newspaper in Paris, not excluding the Temps itself, which has not daily borne evidence of arbitrary influence on the part of the censor, with regard to events of public interest.

A short time ago the minister of the interior received a deputation from the Paris press, including John Dupuy, and M. Meyer, who urged upon M. Malvy the absolute necessity for some relaxation of the tightness of the regulations, but all they achieved was a promise that the matter should be considered.

This was followed up by a formal request made to M. Millerand, the minister of war, by a delegation of the press, that he would be good enough at least to define precisely and extend if possible the scope given to the censor. M. Millerand's reply which has lately been made public, undoubtedly shows a measure of goodwill in dealing with what must be recognized as a very delicate matter, but it entirely fails to give satisfaction as regards the details of the question.

The minister, however, goes so far as to concede that telegrams whose text the censor has allowed to pass into the hands of any agency or newspaper, may be reproduced, but he makes a reservation as to "exceptional circumstances." In the same manner the publication of official English communications is not to be deferred, except in case of "doubt as to their authenticity," for experience, he says, has proved the utility of such caution. Entitled to Authority.

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